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Amendment and Response

This submission is being filed with the enclosed Request for Continuing Examination, and in response to the Final Office Action ("Final Action") mailed January 26, 2004, in the above-identified application. A petition for a four month extension of time from the Notice of Appeal, filed July 26, 2004, is also enclosed. Therefore, this response is timely filed prior to January 26, 2005, with the fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(a)(4).

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees that may be due, or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Ref. No. 18475-025.

Amendments to the claims and claims as pending are provided on page 2.

Remarks begin on page 4.